



The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



Town Christmas Traditions Get a New Twist

This Christmas promises a season full of good cheer and a whole lot of celebrating in Old Town Warrenton. Old traditions will be blended together, new traditions will begin and the community will enjoy a richer holiday season this year.

Typically the Christmas season kicks off the first Friday in December with the Illumination Walk, the Christmas tree lighting, shops remaining open late and the opening of GumDrop Square. This year, due to the way the calendar is aligned, the initial Christmas celebration falls on Friday, November 30...but the changes don't stop there. This year the Warrenton Christmas Parade will be intertwined with the Illumination Walk on that Friday evening. In previous years the parade was held the following day, on a Saturday morning. The blending of these two Old Town traditions seemed like a natural fit, according to the



new parade coordinator, local firefighter/paramedic Sean Polster, and the Partnership for Warrenton Foundation. In previous years Santa came to Town on Friday evening on a horse-drawn wagon in the Illumination Walk and then opened GumDrop Square. The very next day he came back to Town on a fire truck to lead the parade.

With this new tradition Santa will arrive in Old Town Warrenton just once – on a horse-drawn wagon as the final float in the Warrenton Christmas Parade. The simplicity of this new plan will bring several benefits to the entire Old Town community. It will place

the parade on the same evening as other Christmas traditions, which means that Main Street will not need to be closed two holiday shopping days in a row, and families who enjoy watching and/or participating in other Christmas parades in the area that take place on the following Saturday morning

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A Sad Farewell

The Town of Warrenton recently lost another distinguished former member of its Town Council. Former Councilman Robert W. Rice passed away October 18. He was 79 years old.

Rice served on the Council from 1986 - 2004, and as Vice Mayor of the Town from 2002 to 2004. He was active in many Town committees, including the Public Works, Finance and Transportation Committees. He also served as the Town's representative to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Planning District Commission, and as a member of the Fauquier County Joint Communications Board and 17 Spur Committee.

Rice had a long career as a network engineer for Bell Atlantic, and owned Rice Electric Company. He also served in both the U.S. Army and National Guard, and was active in many local charity groups.

The Town of Warrenton, and area citizens, will greatly miss Robert Rice. He will be long remembered for his community spirit and willingness to serve fellow residents of the Town. ■



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS, from front page.

will have less of a scheduling conflict.

The parade will begin at 6:00 PM on November 30th. Since the Illumination Walk is now part of the formal parade, the Town asks that children and their families line Main Street from 6th Street to the Old Courthouse instead of following Santa and the horses down the street. This will allow everyone to be able to enjoy the entire parade. For the illumination, please bring a battery-operated candle with you to the parade, and when Santa passes in front of you, please light it so that by the time he reaches GumDrop Square the entire town is lit up!

As Santa makes it to the Old Courthouse, Mayor Fitch will greet the community from the courthouse steps, light the Town Christmas Tree and bid Santa happy holidays as he opens the doors to GumDrop Square. Once Santa Claus is firmly in place on his throne at GumDrop Square, the tradition will continue in the same Old Town, old-fashioned manner as it has for many years. Families will be greeted at the door of GumDrop Square, and parents will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for their children to go shopping in Santa's Secret shop. This is where the kids get to select pre-wrapped presents for their family members with the help of Santa's elves. (No parents allowed – no peeking!)

At GumDrop Square everyone from one to 101 is dazzled by the amazing and elaborately decorated room, which includes more than a dozen brilliantly decorated Christmas trees, a miniature Old Town village that stands over eight feet tall, old fashioned toys, presents and vignettes and garlands and gumdrops as far as the eye can see.



Each child will get to visit with Santa Claus, tell him what their Christmas wishes are, have their photo taken (one will be printed per family) and then go shopping with an elf!

GumDrop Square will be open to the public on the following schedule:

Friday, November 30th from the end of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to 9:00 PM

Fridays, December 7 and 14 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturdays, Dec. 1, 8 and 15 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sundays, December 2, 9 and 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Don't feel like standing out in the cold, waiting for your child's turn to visit with Santa? "Friends" of the Partnership will be mailed a special invitation to a private reception with Santa at GumDrop Square. Anyone can become a "Friend" with a personal donation made to the Partnership in the amount of \$50 or more.

Several volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available with GumDrop Square as well. If you are interested in helping to make this Christmas season a magical one for thousands of local families, please contact Jennifer Heyns at (540) 349-8606 or email Jennifer@PartnershipforWarrenton.org. Please also visit www.PartnershipforWarrenton.org and join The Partnership for Warrenton on Facebook.

Lastly, there is one other new addition to Old Town this holiday season. The highly anticipated John S. Mosby Museum and Education Center is expected to open its doors with a special event for the public on Friday, December 7th. As more details become available they will be posted at www.MosbyMuseum.org.

For more information regarding the parade, including how to become a sponsor or a registered participant, please email Info@WarrentonChristmasParade.com or visit www.WarrentonChristmasParade.com. ■

Don't Forget...



**2012 Real Estate
and Personal Property
Tax bills are due
December 15, 2012.**

A WARF Testimony — Alicia Arden Achieves Amazing Results

Before joining the WARF in October of 2010, Alicia Arden struggled with a variety of ailments including, weight, rheumatoid arthritis, lack of cartilage in her left knee and the pressure all three put on her ability to move and enjoy life. Alicia could barely walk and had gone through the process of losing then gaining back a great deal of weight. Her doctor was discouraged by her weight and lack of exercise, and encouraged her to start taking water classes at the WARF.

Since joining the WARF, Alicia has made incredible improvements in her weight, health, mobility and overall quality of life.

"I have improved so much that all my doctors cannot believe the progress in my health and how strong my body has become. My cholesterol has dropped greatly and my rheumatoid arthritis is now in full remission," says Alicia.

Since starting out on her journey, Alicia has lost over 120 pounds, 30 inches, and has gone down 10 dress sizes.

When she joined the WARF, Alicia says she could barely walk.

"It hurt every time I got in and out of the pool."

She started off slowly, taking one or two water fitness classes per week. Then she increased the frequency, variety and intensity of the classes she participated in.

"Monica's Aqua Boot camp was one of the best classes for my body at first," She says. "It was hard, but a great workout. In the first two weeks I lost eight pounds."

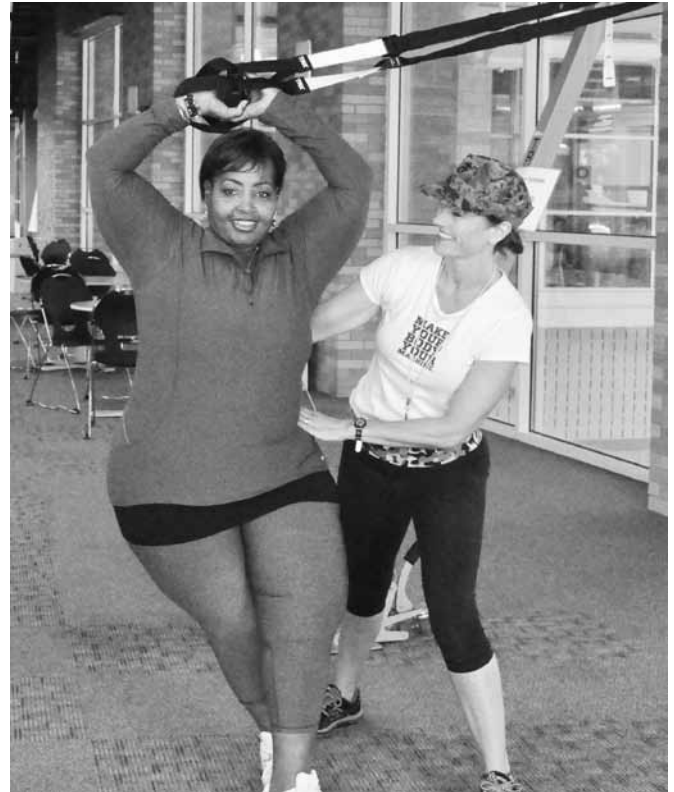
After having such great success in the WARF's Water Group Fitness classes, Alicia decided to start personal training with Monica. Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer Monica Fernandi guided Alicia through a variety of aquatic and land exercises based on her health and mobility limitations. Alicia attributes Monica for encouraging her to participate in land Group Fitness classes, including Jab, Kick and Core, Gentle Yoga, Yogalates, Sculpt I/II, Zumba Toning, Barre Fusion, Pilates, Outdoor Bootcamp, TRX, Body Pump and Zumba.

At first Alicia could only handle 10 or 15 minutes of a Zumba class, but after a lot of training and encouragement from Monica, she was able to complete this and other challenging classes.

"Alicia is an incredible inspiration to many others," Monica said. "She put her mind to getting on the 'wellness train' and has not since looked back! I am proud of all her

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— Alicia Arden



Alicia Arden works out at the WARF with her personal trainer, Monica Fernandi.

accomplishments toward health and wellness and know her story will lead others to such success!"

As a result of personal training with Monica, monitoring her diet and participating in group fitness classes, Alicia noticed her body was growing stronger and the weight and inches were coming off. Encouraged by her progress, Alicia continued to push herself, trying new and more challenging classes, even Cycling, which Alicia says is the most difficult for her. Alicia loves the classes she takes here at the WARF, but says Yoga is the class that she loves the most.

"Yoga classes help me with my flexibility and helps put my spirit at peace."

Alicia attributes a great deal of her success to the help and motivation she received from her WARF family and friends, including fitness instructors Monica, Christina, Donna, Beth H., John, Kristin, Lorie and Steve.

"They each are willing to take the time to work with their students, and also give you a great workout!" says Alicia.

This encouragement, along with support from WARF Front Desk staff, friends and family, and her husband Tony, is what keeps her coming to the WARF.

"Working out at the WARF empowers my body and mind more and more every day," she says.

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First Night Warrenton Returns

Whether you're an old timer, pining for the good old days of Guy Lombardo, or a youngster, who's more hip to "New Years Rockin' Eve," you'll love First Night Warrenton, a family-friendly arts-oriented celebration of the New Year.

First Night Warrenton is a tradition in the Town, a celebration for all that is great in a small community like Warrenton. It features a variety of different entertainment at numerous venues all over Town, hayrides, and an assortment of edible treats. The celebration closes with a grand illumination and a verse or two of Auld Lang Zyne on the steps of the old courthouse at midnight.

The best thing about First Night is that there's something for everyone. At some venues you'll find music and entertainment for kids and families, and at other sites the joint will be jumping with rock, blues or music genres from all over the world.

Last year, First Night Warrenton had beautiful weather; an estimated 2,000 people visited Old Town Warrenton for First Night. Different entertainers performed at over a dozen different sites – from local churches to the Odd Fellows Lodge.

This year both the Town and the Warrenton Christmas Parade have partnered with Bluemont to arrange the entertainment. Bluemont has a long history with the Town, presenting the Bluemont Concert Series all summer long on the Warren Green lawn, and arranging entertainment for First Night and other events. This year's celebration is sure to have the best in music, magic, puppets and other fun entertainment.

As always, First Night Warrenton is committed to being family-friendly, so it's alcohol-free, affordable, and fun for the whole family! Make your plans now for a wonderful New Year's Eve celebration with friends and neighbors on the streets of Old Town Warrenton. As plans begin to come



together for First Night, you can check the list of entertainers scheduled at the Bluemont website (www.bluemont.org). When the list is finalized, it will also be published in local papers. ■

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Because of Alicia's personal success, she has made it her new goal in life to become a fitness instructor herself after she retires in 3 ½ years. She hopes to be able to help people of all ages and those who suffer from arthritis issues, just like the instructors at the WARF helped her.

Alicia's success didn't come without struggles.

"There were days when my joints hurt and I was in pain, hurting, achy and swollen," she says.

When asked what advice she had for others who are going through similar struggles, Alicia said, "Never give up, set small goals and reach out for help. Make exercise a regular part of your day. Watch what you eat. Don't worry about what you look like in a class, what counts is that you are there for yourself and your health and the result will

show in your body. Remember, you and your health come first."

Alicia's motto: "Keep your body moving at all times."

At 49, Alicia says her health is at the best it has ever been and she feels better than she has in a long time. Her new goal when she turns 50 is to be in even better shape and to reach her goal weight. ■



Give Your Christmas Tree Back to Nature

Did you know that Christmas trees can be recycled into mulch and returned to nature after the holidays? And the Town of Warrenton makes it easy to recycle your tree with a free tree collection service.

Town crews will start picking up Christmas trees the week of January 7-11, 2013. Town residents should place their trees at the street line by 8:00 AM on Monday, January 7th. Crews will collect trees throughout the week, starting at one end of Town and working their way through every neighborhood. Trees not at the street line will not be picked up.

These trees are fed through a chipper to make mulch, so all stands, wood, wire, nails, etc. should be removed. If you have any questions call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



Drive safely this winter!



Holiday Refuse Schedule

Thanksgiving – November 22

Monday, 11/19/12 – Regular refuse collection

Tuesday, 11/20/12 – Regular refuse collection

Wednesday, 11/21/12 – Recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 11/22/12 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Friday, 11/23/12 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Christmas -- December 25

Monday, 12/24/12 – Mon. & Tues. refuse collections

Tuesday, 12/25/12 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Wednesday, 12/26/12 – Recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 12/27/12 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 12/28/12 – Regular refuse collection

New Years – January 1

Monday, 12/31/12 – Mon. & Tues. refuse collections

Tuesday, 1/1/13 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Wednesday, 1/2/13 – Recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 1/3/13 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 1/4/13 – Regular refuse collection

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 21

Monday, 1/21/13 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 1/22/13 – Mon. & Tues. refuse collections

Wednesday, 1/23/13 – Recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 1/24/13 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 1/25/13 – Regular refuse collection

Presidents' Day – February 18

Monday, 2/18/13 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 2/19/13 – Mon. & Tues. refuse collections

Wednesday, 2/20/13 – Recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 2/21/13 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 2/22/13 – Regular refuse collection

** This schedule is subject to change. Check your local newspaper or the Town's website for changes. Also, there will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) during the holidays for anyone wishing to dispose of refuse. ■*

'Tis the Season... Snow and Ice Reminders

Snow... we love it, we hate it! While we got off easy last year, forecasters are calling for more snow this year. So once again it's a good idea to review the Town's Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance.

The legalese is heavy, but here's the Cliffs Notes version for you: For everybody's general safety, the occupant of any house and lot which abuts a paved sidewalk (or a footway of stone, brick or wood) is required to have all snow removed from the sidewalk or footway within six hours after the snow stops falling. You get a little break if the snow falls during the night or on a Sunday. In that case, you have to have the snow removed by 12 noon of the following day.

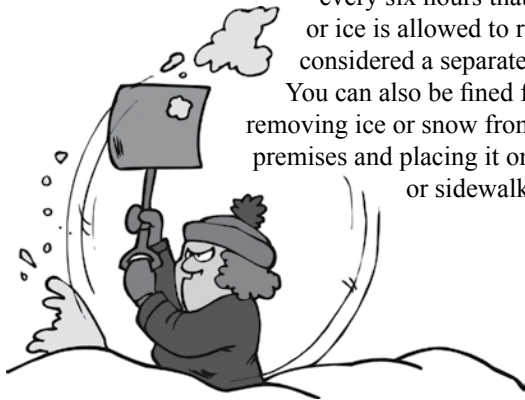
In regard to ice and sleet, the same requirements are in effect. But when it can't be removed without personal injury or damage to the sidewalk or footway, you have to cover it within the times specified above with sand, ashes or some other substance that will render it safe for foot travel.

If a house or lot is unoccupied, it's still the duty of the owner (or owner's agent) to have the snow or ice removed from his sidewalk or footway.

It's good to know all this, because the fines for ignoring the ordinance are pretty painful. Each violation of the code ordinance is considered a Class 4 misdemeanor, and

every six hours that the snow or ice is allowed to remain is considered a separate violation.

You can also be fined for removing ice or snow from your premises and placing it on any street or sidewalk.



Snow Emergency Routes

The Streets listed below are designated as Snow Emergency Routes. It's unlawful for any person or business to park a vehicle on any of these streets during snow emergencies. And if you do, even if your car gets stuck there, police may tow the car at your expense.

**Alexandria Pike
Blackwell Road
Bear Wallow Road
Broadview Avenue
Culpeper Street
East & West Shirley Ave.
Falmouth Street**

**Frost Avenue (Rt. 211)
Lee Highway
Lee Street
Main Street
Waterloo Road
Waterloo Street
Winchester Street**

Here's How We Roll

During snowstorms, when the Town's trucks are out spreading chemicals or plowing, they start with the main roads first. Once they feel they have the main roads under control they will start plowing and spreading chemicals on the side streets. So please know that Town crews will get to your residential street just as soon as they can. How long that takes just depends on how significant the snow accumulation is.

During major storms that require plowing, the snow is pushed to the right side toward the curb or road edge. So if there's any way possible for you to park your car off the road, that's a big help to the crews. It also helps to keep your car from getting plowed in.

If you have any questions regarding Town ordinances or snow emergency issues, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

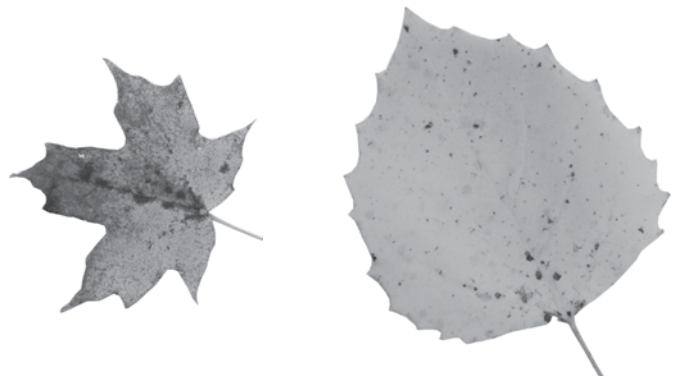
Fall Leaf Collections Set

The Town of Warrenton's two annual leaf collections have been scheduled for November 5 – 16 and November 26 – December 7.

All property owners are requested to rake leaves to the street line by 8:00 AM on their first scheduled pick-up day. To prevent clogging, please don't rake leaves into ditch lines or gutters. Also, locate your leaves so that vehicles are not blocking them. And remember not to put brush, limbs, rocks or other debris with the leaves.

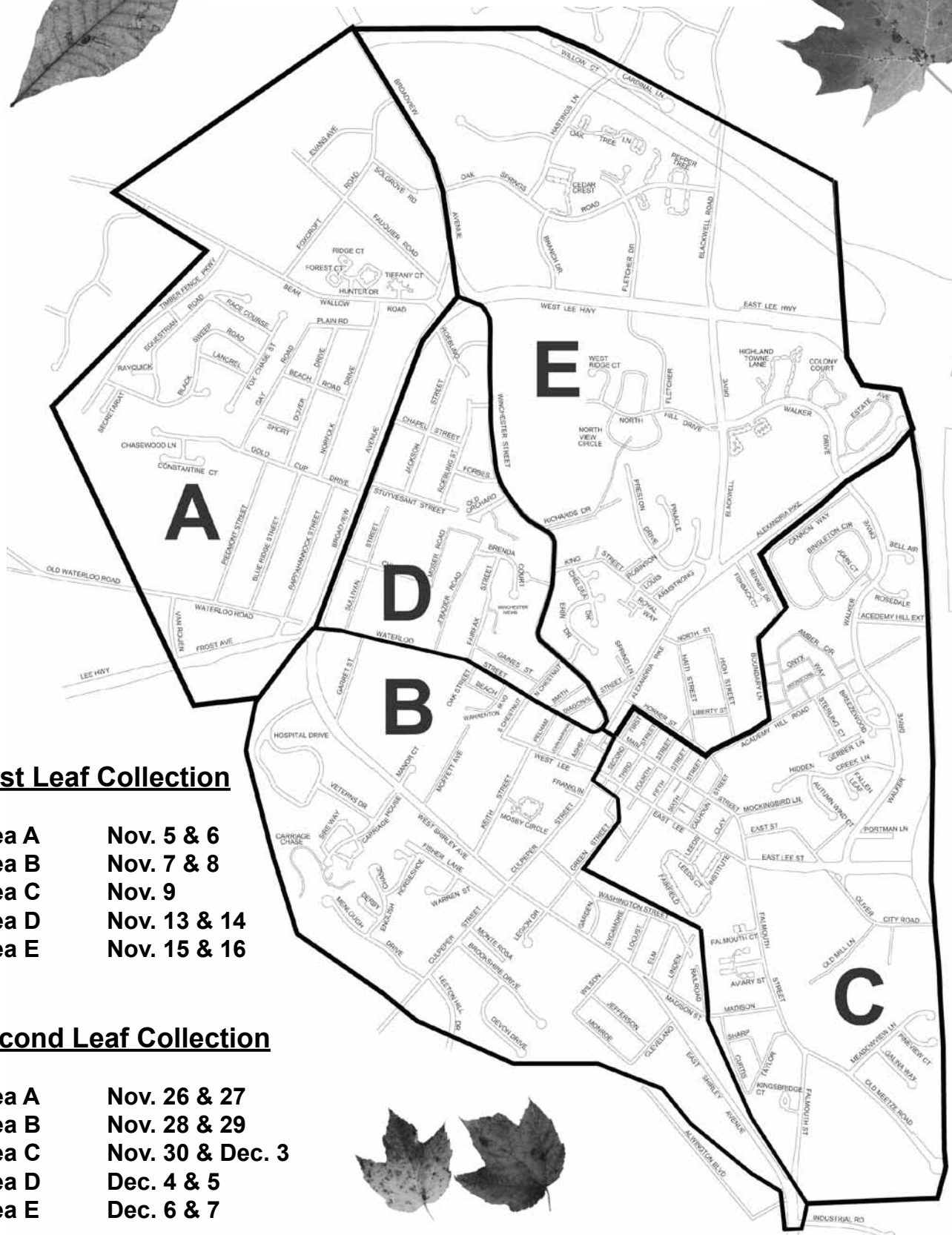
To find out what days Town crews will be in your area, see the schedule on the Leaf Collection Map (page 7). You can also check the Town's website at www.warrentonva.gov under Fall Leaf Collection or call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

After completion of the second collection there will be limited collection up through January 4th; after that date any remaining leaves will have to be bagged and set out with household refuse. ■



Town Area Map

For Fall Leaf Collections



First Leaf Collection

Area A	Nov. 5 & 6
Area B	Nov. 7 & 8
Area C	Nov. 9
Area D	Nov. 13 & 14
Area E	Nov. 15 & 16

Second Leaf Collection

Area A	Nov. 26 & 27
Area B	Nov. 28 & 29
Area C	Nov. 30 & Dec. 3
Area D	Dec. 4 & 5
Area E	Dec. 6 & 7



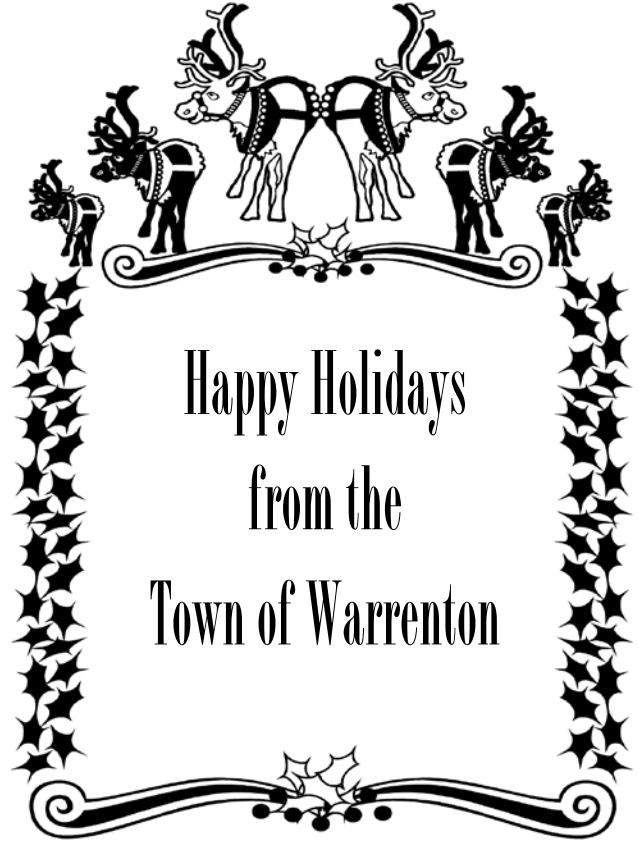
Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

Finance Department.....	347-1102
Fire Department	347-0522
Inspections	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief	347-1105
Police Station	347-1107
Non-emergency	347-1100
Emergency	911
Planning and Zoning	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center)	349-2520
Recycling	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills.....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY	1-800-828-1120

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